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Dear Sir. Mrs Butler is with us now. We must go back to Liverpool before the day you kill her of being at Ambleside. I wish you could have met her again here – in this place she is so fond of – but she encourages me to ask you & your Son to come to us, whichever day suits you, but it must be a fine one, or we cannot shew you properly the beauty of this W^d is the prettiest of English lakes – and of W^d we claim to be the best guides as certainly we generally have the best boats & are the best rowers! My self-praise is safe as I am at present invalided & Fatten is lame, so we can't shew off –

I dont know in wh direction you are coming so can give no advice about the route - Any one will shew you the way to our boat house, at Crow Park - (driving) that our bell is rung - & the boatman will come over for you directly -

I understand that it does not suit your health to drive or stay with people - so we don't ask it. Mrs Butler's work is very hard upon her just now - & others with all they can for her - still you let me say that it is because you are yourself that I am so anxious to have the honour of seeing you in this way - Yrs sincerely

Theodosia Marshall

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